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To The AGM
NZCOM
Wellington Region

Dear Colleagues,

I am sorry that I can not be present for the 1996 AGM. I have prepared the following report as I am the COM representative on the Education Liaison Committee for the Wellington Polytechnic. This committee meets three times a year and it is the responsibility of the College representative to express the views of the members of the COM (Wellington Region). This is not a chore in itself, but it would be better if there were more input from other college members.

It is a 2 year position and I am happy to continue for this second year if members are satisfied. At present I chair this committee.

The meetings themselves provide an opportunity for midwives in the field to express their views in relationship to the education service that the polytech provides. To comment on their perception of how well, or inadequately, student midwives are prepared to join the midwifery profession. To express their views on new programs such as the Direct Entry Bachelor of Midwifery. It was somewhat disappointing that more College members did not take the opportunity to write in support of this program last year when accreditation and approval were being sought. However as you are all aware the program has been approved, and is indeed up and running.

A huge round of applause should be directed to those who worked so hard to get it off the ground.....

I believe that the Midwifery profession is admirably served by the midwifery lecturers at the Wellington Polytech.

Should any midwives wish to make comment regarding students or the program I am available to pass this on, and would welcome more interaction from other members.

Kind regards,



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